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LEONARD J. ZABILANSKY: ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Leonard J. "Zab" Zabilansky, a research civil engineer at the Engineer Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), was recently selected as the New Hampshire Engineer of the Year by the Joint Committee of New Hampshire Engineering Societies.

As part of the Joint Committee of New Hampshire Engineering Societies' Engineer's Week celebration, this honorable award is presented to an engineer from one of the various engineering disciplines (electrical, civil, mechanical, military, etc.) upon selection by the Committee. Each engineer is nominated through a peer submission.

Zabilansky earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology and a master's degree in Engineering Science from the University of Michigan. He also holds a professional engineering license in New Hampshire.

As a research civil engineer at CRREL's Ice Engineering Research Facility, he is the project engineer developing research programs in the area of scour around bridge piers and the engineering aspect of ice sheets. He has authored and co-authored numerous professional papers in the field of ice engineering. Additionally, he currently holds two U.S. patents and a third, joint patent, is pending. He has been with CRREL since 1974.

Zab is a long-time and active member of the New Hampshire Section, ASCE, and has served in most of the senior-level positions for the State Section and the Upper Valley Branch. He is also a member of the Instrumentation Society of America and the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration. He is a past recipient of the New Hampshire Young Engineer of the Year Award (1983). Community service activities include coordinator of MATHCOUNTS for the Lebanon Regions (Grafton and Sullivan counties) and serving as a volunteer ski instructor for the Whaleback Ski Club. He has also brought the engineering profession to the Newbury Elementary School through the Vermont School-to-Work Program.

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